

SAYS PEACE OFFER SPLIT THE RUSSIANS

Ivan Narodny Tells How German Sympathizers Have Come Into Power.

SAZONOFF A HEAVY LOSS

Sturmer Said to Have Urged Separate Negotiations With the Austrians.

The loss to Russia of the progressive Sergius Sazonoff as Minister of Foreign Affairs and the succession of the reactionary and pro-German Basil Vladimirovitch Sturmer came about because of Sazonoff's insistence that an Austrian proposal for a separate peace must be referred to all the Allies, not acted upon by Russia alone, according to Ivan Narodny, a Russian writer and importer.

Mr. Narodny said he had this information from authoritative sources. There is absolutely no doubt, he said last night, that Austria-Hungary has proposed to Russia that the two nations conclude a separate peace. The overtures were made through King Christian of Denmark more than a month ago. Russian newspaper men knew of it, but were forbidden to mention the matter.

The resignation of Sazonoff, forced upon him partly by the pro-German element at the Russian court, is called a blow to American-Russian and Anglo-Russian friendship, a blow to Russian dreams of democracy and it may be a blow to Russian military efficiency that will halt the great Russian drives in Austria and Asia Minor.

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He is a sympathizer with the "Ich und Gott" tenets of Kaiser Wilhelm, an admirer of Prussian system, organization and "kultur" and an opposer of the Duma and of the forms of democratic influence upon the already eager Russian people. To him friendship with constitutional England or republican America is the last thing Russia should encourage.

If anything, Mr. Narodny says, the new Russian Foreign Minister prefers England to the country. The fact that he has not the forms of democratic influence upon the already eager Russian people, to him friendship with constitutional England or republican America is the last thing Russia should encourage.

The new Foreign Minister's position is strengthened too, Mr. Narodny says, by the appointments of Alexis Kovostoff as Minister of the Interior and Nicholas Makarov as Minister of Justice. These two, the latter formerly an Assistant Minister of the Interior, are known also as Prussian-Russian and opposed to the Duma.

It was such men as these who prevailed at the meeting of the Council of the Empire at which Austria's separate peace proposal came up. Before that Sturmer, then Prime Minister, had been attacking Sazonoff through a Russian press, criticizing him particularly for the freedom with which he talked to newspapers.

The real coup d'etat, however, was struck at the war cabinet, when the Cabinet Ministers, other advisers and members of the General Staff were summoned by the Kaiser. Nicholas, who is said to have been present, is said to have been attacking Sazonoff through a Russian press, criticizing him particularly for the freedom with which he talked to newspapers.

Sturmer answered that the agreement concerned only a general peace, not a separate one with one of the Teutonic Powers. Sazonoff answered, and hot words were exchanged, that Sazonoff was an agent of England. Sazonoff left the meeting and went to the Czar himself at Tsarskoe-Selo. The Czar was likewise at best and Sazonoff resigned.

To the Russian people, at least to those who long for a free Government, this was a victory for the German party. Kaiser Wilhelm, who is said to have been present, is said to have been attacking Sazonoff through a Russian press, criticizing him particularly for the freedom with which he talked to newspapers.

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LEADERS OF THE PRO AND ANTI BRITISH FACTIONS IN RUSSIA.



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PRINCE OF WALES POPULAR AT FRONT

Officers, However, Have Hard Time Keeping Him Out of Trenches.

Special Correspondence to The Sun.

LONDON, July 17.—If the King of England were vacant and elective there is little doubt that the Prince of Wales would receive the unanimous vote of the soldiers at the front.

He has won his way into the hearts of not only his fellow officers but of the ordinary soldiers by his democracy, his kindness and his persistent desire to get into the trenches.

It has been a constant worry on the part of his fellow officers to keep him reasonably out of danger, and the persistence with which the "Little Prince," as he is affectionately called, would try to get into the front line trenches caused no small amount of anxiety to the headquarters staff.

His own feelings in this respect were expressed in a letter he sent to a chum of his in England when he was in Flanders.

"It is damned rotten being a prince," he wrote, and then pathetically added: "Every day I try to go to the trenches, but they send me back."

A power of the Grenadier Guards, the regiment to which the Prince is attached, said to THE SUN correspondent:

"The Prince is a corker. He showed up at the mess one afternoon and burst out: 'Come for tea and I hope it's something to eat.'"

His language is by no means royal and he can and does express himself with a force and picturesqueness that would do no injustice to a Mississippi pilot.

When he makes a mistake or an oversight he is quick to acknowledge and rectify it. A story illustrating this is told by his recent visit to Egypt.

Accompanied by an officer, his Royal Highness entered by a group of Anzacs and failed to notice or acknowledge their salute.

"Long their line there ran the signal," "One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, out."

The Prince turned to the officer in attendance and asked what it meant.

When the reason was explained he rode back to the overseas men, pulled up before them and, with a genial smile and all the ceremony he could command, returned the salute.

In a flash the Australian commander counted him "in" again. "Nine, eight, seven, six, five, four, three, two, one. Out!"

He is extremely observant, as an inspector at Scotland Yard can testify.

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FRANK SLAVIN, OLD PUGILIST, FIGHTING

Australian Ex-Heavyweight, 36, Now Sergeant, Writes on British Empire.

Special Correspondence to The Sun.

LONDON, July 17.—Frank Slavin, the famous Australian ex-heavyweight pugilist, has written an interesting article in this month's *English Review* on the British Empire.

Slavin, who is now a sergeant in the Canadian Scottish, writes in a breezy style, and in the opening paragraph says:

"It is more than probable that a good many readers may wonder what a retired pugilist, turned soldier in his 36th year, can have to say about the Empire and the war, that is, anything worth reading."

That wonder is quite natural, for, I suppose, very few people in these islands have ever heard anything about me or about my life outside the boxing ring.

But as a matter of fact, I became a professional pugilist more or less by accident, as most professional pugilists have done.

"My accident," I may say so, was directly due to the centuries old antagonism between Ulster and the rest of Ireland, and made me not only a pugilist, but a politician as well of a kind."

He explained he was a fervent home ruler and because some near neighbors of his in Australia were confirmed Orangemen he learned boxing so as to be able to trounce the sons between whom and himself there was a deadly political feud.

With characteristic directness he has some well needed advice for stay-at-home Englishmen.

"Those of you," he says, "who have lived out all your days in England and have both abused and absorbed abuse of the Empire and its management may think you know all there is to know about the Empire, but you cannot."

A man has to experience the roughest of rough times both under the Union Jack and a few other flags before he can begin to understand everything that the old flag really means.

Speaking of Ireland Slavin makes a rugged appeal for home rule. Admitting England may want to govern Ireland for her own good, he says, the English have got to get into their heads not what they may think is beneficial to Ireland but that the Irish want Irish government.

The wonderful loyalty of the colonies he says, is due to the fact that they were trusted to govern themselves, and he is convinced that experiment would have equally happy results in the case of Ireland.

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HONOR TO TENNANT PLEASES COMMONS

Elevation of Under Secretary for War to Scotland Post Well Deserved.

BROTHER OF MRS. ASQUITH

Encyclopedia for House Answered 4,000 Questions as to Big Conflict.

Special Correspondence to The Sun.

LONDON, July 17.—Elevation of the Right Hon. H. J. Tennant to Cabinet rank as Secretary of State for Scotland is in the opinion of all his fellow members of the House of Commons, without regard to party, most thoroughly deserved.

Brother of Mrs. Asquith, wife of the Premier, there were many in the antebellum days who considered his inclusion in the Government as a piece of rank nepotism. But since the war the manner in which he has conducted himself as Under Secretary of State for War has silenced that criticism and it is ungrudgingly admitted he is one of the great successes the Government has produced.

Though his Christian name is Harold John, he is known to every one as "Jack." Kitchener was a great man in Ireland, Tennant carries his qualities in tabular form causing him to be dubbed the "Little Minister."

As Under Secretary of State for War he was the Government's representative in the War Office in the House of Commons, and upon his shoulders fell the onerous task of answering innumerable questions and placating the angry critics of the institution. What hall of whom there were more than a few.

Mr. Tennant has given some 4,000 replies to questions in the House of Commons and he has been so successful in his only one erroneous answer. He is a patrician over that one crooked eye lamb of a mistake, but he puts back his shoulders and directs attention to the merits of the other 3,999, and the House cheers.

Whatever error was perpetrated at the War Office was laid on the doorstep of Mr. Tennant and he had to be responsible for it.

He did not dispute the error. With a sigh he pleaded the excuse of the servant girl that it was "such a little one" and when that "terror of ministers," Sir Arthur Markham, came to him as with a hatchet, he slowly affixed his big tortoise shell glasses, turned to the Apache from Mansfield and said in dulcet tones:

"Blame me. I know nothing about this particular inquiry. But it is my business to be abused; so please do not restrain yourself."

The thing that impressed everybody in the House was that such a little fellow should know so much. What added to his popularity was the fact he never lost his temper. Thirdly, the House enjoyed his exquisite sarcasm.

Tennant a Modest Man.

Most Under Secretaries put on airs. Only Cabinet Ministers can permit themselves to be modest. "Jack" Tennant put on airs in the hazy days of pre-war times, but since the war he has become a more modest man.

One burly politician of no great reputation demanded that he be allowed to answer our great reserve stocks are displayed.

Office sturdiness to the Right Honorable gentleman.

"Oh, certainly," Tennant replied with a smile. "Nothing will give me greater pleasure than to receive the assistance and advice of my honorable friend whom the House recognizes to be an authority." The House roared.

His reply was a masterpiece of tact and diplomacy. The Under Secretary for War went to the House of Commons with dapper men. Care of state did not cause him to forget his personal appearance. He was perfectly brushed, his long flaxen mustache had an agreeable, not an aggressive twist.

Twenty minutes each parliamentary day he endured a fusillade of questions and answers. He consistently refused to lose his temper.

Serious in Pre-War Days.

A few years ago the thought that "Jack" Tennant with his dainty ways and his "feminine" looks could be the representative of the British army would have aroused guffaws.

In pre-war days he was extremely serious. Social reform was his concern and "dangerous trades" his hobby. He has profound on the matter of lead poisoning and diseases afflicting folk in the potteries.

He married a charming Irish lady who was a Home Office factotum. When he was Under Secretary at the Home Office dangerous trades became his specialty, but the House wouldn't listen to him. He had in those days an attenuated style of speaking and when ever he rose to speak there was a rush of members from the House. Now he has developed a delightful vein of humor.

As far as American newspapermen were concerned he was one of those rare Ministers who could be reached on the telephone. Holding one of the most criticized offices in the Ministry, he has won the admiration of the House by his competency. In a word he has more than "made good."

EMPRESS SELLS THE THISTLE.

Kaiser Was Entertained While Yacht Was in Bergen Harbor.

LONDON, July 17.—In connection with the sale by the Empress Eugenie of her yacht Thistle for trading purposes a correspondent writes to the *Daily Mail*:

"History has been made on board the Thistle. The yacht, formerly owned by the Duke of Hamilton, on Sunday, July 27, 1907, the Empress gave an entertainment for the Kaiser in the Thistle, then in harbor at Bergen.

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Eastern Skunk Scarfs, \$10

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Skunk (Black Marten) Sets, \$95
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